

FROM THE FIELD.

Pacifies.

For the last ten days, commencing Sept. 14th, there has been a protracted meeting in progress at Lathrop, conducted by Elder H. R. Holsinger. The meetings have been fairly attended and a good interest has prevailed. On the 23rd, there was a basket meeting on the old camp ground, and one young man (Bro. Flory) was baptized. The meeting probably closed last night at Lathrop, and some one else will, no doubt, send you a fuller account. We could be present only a part of the time, but were glad to meet and hear Bro. Holsinger again. He has sold out at Ontario, in Southern Cal., and is now looking for a new home. I hope he may suit himself somewhere in this valley, so that we may be neighbors, at least.

There will be a protracted meeting at Altamont, Cal., commencing on the 12th of Oct. to which a general invitation is extended. There will probably be a communion on the evening of the 14th. Brother C. E. Doty is the Elder of the Altamont church, the writer is its pastor; but Bro. J. P. Wolfe and Bro. Walter Myer have been solicited to assist during the meeting.

J. W. BEER.

San Joaquin City, Cal., Sep. 24.

Zimmerman, Ohio.

On the 7th ult., Bro. Kiehl was requested to come out and do some baptizing for us, as Bro. Brown lived so far away. If the Lord works with us we will have some more to baptize before long. On the 26th ult., we held our regular prayer meetings and one more soldier enlisted in the Lord's army, and on the 30th ult., two more enlisted to work for Christ. May God help them to do the work which the Lord hath for them to do. We expect to have our new church ready for dedication some time in the near future. May the Lord help us on in the good work we have undertaken to do. Every member is very active and energetic in his work for the Lord and tries to do all he can to save souls. Brethren watch and be ready for you know not what hour your Lord doth come.

C. F. MILLER.

Oct. 3rd, 1888.

Chronicles.

I went from Prattville, Michigan, to Chili, Indiana, and tried to preach two evenings, then went to North Manchester to attend the conference. Here I met many of my old friends, shared their hospitalities and enjoyed their associations very much. Had my principle home with Bro. Warvel who is practicing the legal profession, but stopped one night and part of a day with Bro. and Sister Perry.

From Manchester I went to College Corner to fill my appointments over the 5th Sunday, being one week late owing to the Prattville meeting. Arrived in time for the evening service and met a good congregation of hearers. Met again the following day and after the service we went out by the river side and offered prayer and baptized two penitent believers. The evening of this day, Sept. 30th, closed my first year's pastoral labor that I ever did. I mean the first year

that I ever gave exclusive attention to the pastoral department of the ministry. I have for a number of years served as pastor and evangelist at the same time. I have yet three months to serve, then I suppose, if the Lord permits I will be expected to change the program again.

As to the satisfaction I have given as pastor so far, I cannot tell just what it has been, but I know that I have not succeeded to get as many accessions to the church as I did formerly, but then, my labor has been principally confined to localities where they had just held their revival meetings, being the first three months at Waterloo, Iowa, where Bro. Bashor had put in three years of faithful labor, and next at Oakville and College Corner, Indiana, where at each point there had been quite an ingathering of souls shortly before our pastorate began, and thirdly in Williams Co., Ohio, and Hillsdale Co., Michigan, of which field it is useless to say anything, especially to those who know of the brethren's privations and trials at those points, yet I do not feel discouraged, for I see that the cause is moving and the brethren have good prospects before them, and I do hope and pray that many sheaves shall have been gathered for the Master before the next and last three months of our work shall have closed.

Came home Monday the 1st, inst., and found all well for which blessing I thank God.

J. H. SWIHART.

Lathrop, Cal.

Our protracted meeting closed on Sunday evening the 23rd, with a full house and good interest. Bro. J. W. Beer was present the first meeting, but as it was raining quite hard for this time of the year, our congregation was very small. However, those who were present seemed to enjoy the services. On the next evening Bro. H. R. Holsinger arrived from Ontario, this state, and it was decided that he should do the preaching. This labor he accepted cheerfully, and to say that he did the work well, will not be a surprise to those who have had the privilege to hear him preach. Pointed, earnest, and eloquent were his sermons throughout. The members of the church enjoyed a feast of good things. The community heard truths that should, and we hope will, work the needed reform.

On the last day of our meeting we met for worship on the old camp ground. Arrangements had been made to have a days service in the grove, where we have heretofore held so many of our camp meetings. The day was very pleasant, and the sermons so good that all were highly pleased. Bro. Holsinger preached in the forenoon, and Bro. Beer in the afternoon. At the close of the afternoon service one young man was baptized. Returning to the church, Bro. Holsinger preached the evening discourse from the words, "Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?" It was a masterly effort and well received by the large congregation present. This closed the series of meetings.

The church at Lathrop feels thankful to the members from a distance who visited us, and

especially do we remember Bro. Holsinger who labored so earnestly in the cause of our holy religion.

J. P. WOLFE.

All Sorts.

We feel to thank God for health, for food and raiment, and for the beautiful sunshine, and for the prospect of meeting loved ones at home.

We are sorry we did not get to stay at the convention, but death is in our land and just after we were ready to proceed to business we received a telegram calling us to Brighton to conduct the funeral service of Sister Horner, and could not get to the convention but we were glad to hear of its success. In order to meet my engagements at Tiosa we could not stop at home but passed by on the fly. Saw Sister Summers standing in the door looking for us, but we could not stop—only threw off a message telling her when she might expect us. Such is a minister's life. We had a pleasant meeting at Tiosa. Everything passed pleasantly and the spirit of the Lord seemed to be in every heart. Why cannot all council meetings pass this way? Simply because there is too much self and not enough Christ. There if too many people in the church that are not converted. Oh for more converting power to take hold of the chronic grumblers!

We will be our own successor at Tiosa for the next year, beginning January 1889. We only could stay long enough to conduct the meeting and board the train for Eaton, Ind. Met a large congregation Saturday evening and Sunday evening. Our house was too small to accommodate the audience. There were three accessions by letter to the church at this service.

I forgot to state that at our last regular service at Tiosa, two were received by letter. The work in Indiana is moving on. I am glad that God is raising up young men to help us who have been laboring for the church since its organization. May the efforts of the brotherhood be crowned with success. Thanks to Bro. Fox, of Peru, for favors shown us on this trip.

WM. W. SUMMERS.

The Communion at Johnstown.

The communion at Johnstown, Pa., was one of the soul-cheering occasions of my life. To my mind it was almost a model, I feel like putting it in print.

The brethren gathered at 4:30 p. m., and held a preliminary service, consisting of song, prayer, scripture reading and speaking, appropriate to the occasion. Then the table was spread while an occasional hymn was sung witty little speeches by brethren. When all was ready, the brethren commenced to wash feet in the front of the room side of the pulpit, and the sisters on the other side. This was the most beautiful and appropriate service of that character I ever witnessed. It was perfectly natural and easy. To my mind there had always accompanied that service a king of vulgarity that was repulsive. The crowding about the tables, lifting up and setting down the basin as though the floor was undergoing a mopping; no room to do any thing with ease. At Johnstown there was nothing of the kind. The basin

stood at the same place. The brethren came forward, one by one from their seats at the table, and sat at the basin. There was plenty of room, no crowding, no shuffling about. The little sisters and brothers kept the ordinances so beautifully. A brother minister pointed out to me a tender youth as he performed the service. I looked at him as he stood in the majesty of a St. Paul with the long white apron trailing about half its length on the floor. I thought within, there stands the plant of a noble minister of the Lord Jesus. A splendid moral organization, and eyes flashing with language. He is a son of Bro. Benschoff's. There was a whole row of little sisters, some of whom came in from the Salvation Army, that they might know the way of the Lord more perfectly. They did the service so nicely. My heart was filled with joy to its very depths. Little lambs of God.

A very large audience was present, but it was the same as a private communion. No noise, and the most reverential attention. The supper was composed of bread, meat and water.

A. L. GARBER.

Clifton Mills, W. Va.

Oct. 1st.—I closed a protracted meeting at one of my home appointments last Wednesday evening. Present result thirteen. Five by relation. Tomorrow evening, the Lord willing, I begin another meeting at one of my home appointments. Am hopeful of some success also. My time up to the middle of November is all engaged now.

I, as well as some of my brethren here have received communications, the writers desiring to know, why I have ceased to write for the EVANGELIST on doctrinal subjects. Suffice it to say, there is nothing of importance wrong. I have become silent for reasons best known to the managing editor and myself. I will give items of church news that may fall under my notice, during the fall and winter. Hope the Lord will prosper and bless his work throughout our brotherhood.

S. W. WILT.

OUR CHURCH.

The Sisters of Montana, Kan., have organized a Sister's Endeavor.

Bro. S. W. Wilt closed a grand meeting Sept. 26th. Thirteen additions.

Bro. Isaac Kilhefner expects to visit the Fairview church next Lord's Day.

Bro. John Nicholson held an eight days' meeting at a school house near Morrill, Kan., recently.

Bro. J. Allen Miller has favored us with a sermon for publication. It will be along in due time.

Bro. Samuel Kiehl, of Dayton, Ohio, baptized several at Zimmerman, Ohio.

Bro. E. L. Yoder's purpose was to visit the church at Morrill, Kan., in the interest of the College this week.

Bro. Tombaugh and Bro. E. Mason exchanged pulpits last Lord's Day. Occasional exchanges are beneficial to both preachers and people.

Some one sent the name of William Kinney, and we are not able to get the paper to him. Will the sender favor us with his proper address.

Bro. Yoder informs us that the German Baptist lost the suit against the Brethren in Falls City, Neb., last week. He has promised to give us some particulars of the trial next week.

Good, good, good. Bro. I. D. Bowman writes that twenty-three (Sept. 29,) have been baptized, and eight or ten more applicants, and expects to organize a church with about forty members.

The writer expects to begin a protracted meeting with the Brethren near Echo P. O., Douglas county, Kan., on Oct. 22nd to continue until Nov. 3rd. Address in care of Elder Joseph Michael, Echo, Douglas county, Kan.—W. J. H. Bauman.

Bro. E. Mason has moved into his new house, and feels delighted over it. He keeps open doors for the Brethren. His book is selling encouragingly. When you write to him, make the address read, "E. Mason, Middle St., Dayton, Ohio."

The Brethren near Akron, Ind., will hold a communion meeting at the Burns' chapel, on the evening of the 17th of Oct. All are invited who can, to be with us. If any comes by rail, stop off at Akron on the Chicago & Atlantic R. R.—Noah Heeter.

The Brethren at Zimmerman, Green county, Ohio, received an addition of three members by baptism Sunday Sept. 30th. These members will prove a valuable accession to the church as laborers in the vineyard of the Lord. Let us thank God and take courage.—Samuel Kiehl, Dayton, Ohio.

Communion meeting at the Cowenshannoc meeting house on the evening of Oct. 26th. Meetings to commence on the 21st, at 10:30 A. M. All of like precious faith are invited to participate. A special invitation is extended to Brethren in the ministry.—J. B. Wampler.

Bro. Homan of Chatham, Ohio, wanted an announcement published for the H. M. B. meeting Oct. 6th. The temporary editor didn't understand it, and it was not done. It would be a great advantage if persons wanting announcements made, would write them out as they want them to appear in the paper. Give the full name, place and time of meeting.

The Brethren at New Enterprise, Bedford county, Pa., will hold their communion on Sunday evening Oct. 28th. Preaching in the morning; preparatory services in the afternoon. The usual invitation is extended to any members of our beloved fraternity, especially the ministering brethren, to come and enjoy our communion with us, also the Brethren will hold their semi-annual communion at the Fredericksburg Union Church on Sunday evening, Oct. 21st. Preaching in the morning; preparatory services in the afternoon. Usual invitation extended.—John G. Snider.

DEAR EVANGELIST. You come a welcome visitor each week, laden with good news cheering us on our way. We are isolated members, but while we are so, we have tried to do as much as the little Captain Wadin did. And the result has been a new door opened for the Brethren to preach. On the 22nd and 23rd of last month, Bro. B. H. Flora, of Flora, Ind., came and preached for us at what is known as the Snowberger school house. He left an appointment for the fourth Sunday in next month. Members pray for the cause here in White county. Your sister in the Gospel alone faith.—Oct. 4.—A. E. Statler, Monticello, Ind.

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